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# Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

ROGERS ET AL.

Examiner

Abbas I Abdulsalam

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## Period for Reply

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Response to Arguments*

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-32 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Powers et al. (USPN 6460103) in view of Acevedo (USPN 5818361) Comer (USPN 6081856).

Regarding claims 1, 6, 15 and 23, Powers teaches a keyboard (14) including features of the keyboard for rapidly responding to routine software requests. See col. 5, lines 9-11. Powers teaches at least one application launch Key (68) actuation of which causes a high level interrupt for opening or launching a specific user-configurable software applications. Powers also teaches that each of the keys carries an icon and further teaches rapid response keys (82, 84, 86, 88), which are additional special keys with specific purposes responding to a software request according to their assigned functions. See col. 6, lines 12-26, Fig 3A and Fig 4. In addition, Powers teaches the keyboard in connection to the computer console, a rapid Internet access array (70) a CPU (10), and a monitor (12). See col. 5, lines 55-57, Fig 2 and Fig 3A. However, Powers does not teach a keyboard including a display configurable to display a plurality of icons.

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Acevedo on the other hand teaches a display-keyboard (10), which includes a plurality of LCDs (20) or LEDs (20), with each display positioned adjacent to an associated key such that among other things icons abbreviations are utilized in the display. See col. 4, lines 1-7, 61-64, Fig. 2 and Fig. 4.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Powers' keyboard to adapt Acevedo's keyboard-based multiple LCDs (20). One would have been motivated in view of the suggestion in Acevedo that the LCDs (20) as configured on Fig. 2 are the same as the desired Keyboard-mounted display. The use of LCDs (20) on a keyboard helps a display-keyboard system as taught by Acevedo.

Powers has been described above. However, Powers does not teach transmitting the icon from the monitor to the keyboard. Comer on the other hand teaches an adaptor (10) that is emulating the operation of keyboard and of the video monitor; the adapter may transmit display data and receive keyboard data. See col. 12, lines 9-20 and Fig. 1

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Powers' keyboard to adapt Comer's use of adaptor (10). One would have been motivated in view of Comer that the adaptor (10) can be equivalently used to achieve the desired mechanism by which transmission of the icon from the monitor to the keyboard takes place. The use of adapter helps communicate keyboard data as taught by Comer.

In addition Comer teaches embedded systems with respect to keyboards (col. 2, lines 6-26), and indicates that the adapter presents itself to the computer as if the adapter were the

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emulated peripheral device. It would have been obvious for one skilled in the art that the adapter and its functions can be incorporated in the keyboard.

Regarding claims 2, 11, 22 and 30, Powers teaches a circuitry including a CPU connectable to a monitor (12) for displaying graphical information to a user of the system. See col. 4, lines 2-3.

Regarding claims 4, 13, 19 and 27, see Powers' Fig 1 (132).

Regarding claims 5 and 14, Powers teaches the use of Microsoft windows in various forms. See col. 7, lines 1-7.

Regarding claim 7, Powers teaches the use of a network access device (NAD) (36) in connection with PCI bus (30). See col. 4, 35-37.

Regarding claims 8, 16 and 24, Powers teaches a rapid Internet access array (70). Fig 3A.

Regarding claims 9, 18 and 26, see Powers' Fig 1 (16).

Regarding claims 10, 21 and 29, see Powers' Fig 1 (18).

Regarding claims 17 and 25, Powers teaches the use of windows 95/98 as an operating system. See col. 7, lines 1-3.

Regarding claims 20 and 28, Powers teaches the use of rapid response keys (82, 84, 86, 88). See Fig 4.

Regarding claim 32, Powers teaches the use of keys which correspond to responses to routine software requests. See col. 2, 18-22.

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### **Conclusion**

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered to applicant's disclosure.

The following arts are cited for further reference.

U.S. Pat. No. 6,386,453 to Russell et al.

U.S. Pat. No. 6,150,962 to Rossmann

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to **Abbas Abduselam** whose telephone number is **(703) 305-8591**. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday (9:00-5:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Richard Hjerpe**, can be reached at **(703) 305-4709**.

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